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Dear Air Board,

Mirant needs your approval in order to move forward with implementing new technology that will improve the air quality of the area. From what I understand the stacks of the Potomac River Generating Station were limited to a height of only 165 feet because of the station's proximity to the airport. Today's increased air traffic continues to restrict the height requirements of the stacks but a solution of a stack merge has been planned. It has been determined by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that Alexandria's environment will benefit by permitting Mirant to install their new stack merge system.

I grew up in the area and have lived in Alexandria for the past fifteen years. Being retired gives me a bit more time to express my concerns for issues such as this. Previously I worked as a budget analyst for the federal government. As our area continues to become more crowded it is our responsibility to make every effort to become more "green". Alexandria's leadership should set an example for our citizens in this effort by approving the stack merge concept for the power station. The DEQ believes this leading edge technology is a logical solution to improve our air quality.

I ask that the Virginia Air Board approve the state permit needed by the Potomac River Generating Station as recommend by the Department of Environmental Quality. This is the right thing to do for Alexandria and the other areas that the plant supplies electricity for.

Best regards,

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